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coming wild in the neighborhood of Lucca. From 1870 to 1882 it grew abundantly with *Aster salignus* on the banks of the Adige. The locality is now destroyed, but the plants are found in the valley Ceraino and at Avesa, nearby.

Amorpha fruticosa grows in great quantities at Peschiera and in several other places, where it has evidently been introduced, and now shows a decided tendency to propagate itself.

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Botanical Notes.

Laboratory of Biological Research of the Brooklyn Institute. Through the cordial co-operation of the officers of the New York State Fish Commission, and the great personal interest of its President, Mr. Eugene Blackford, the Brooklyn institute has been enabled to open a seaside laboratory for teaching and research in zoology and botany, under the direction of Dr. Bashford Dean. The laboratory is located at Cold Spring Harbor, Long Island, thirty-two miles from New York, reached by the Long Island Railway. The session opens on Monday, July 7th, and extends over eight weeks. The fee is twenty-four dollars. The location is a capital one, and an extensive corps of lecturers on special subjects has been secured, those on the botanical side being Dr. W. G. Farlow, Dr. N. L. Britton and Prof. Byron D. Halsted.

Index to Recent American Botanical Literature.

Abies bracteata. (Gard. Chron. vii. 672, fig. 112).

Allamanda violacea. J. D. H. (Bot. Mag. Tab. 7, 122).

Anthracnose, or Blight of the Oak. Byron D. Halsted. (Garden and Forest, iii. 295, 296).

In this article the "burning" and "scorching" of oak trees is described and the case is said to be due to the fungus *Glæosporium nervisequum*.

Artificial keys to the genera and species of Mosses recognized in Lesquereux and James' Manual of the Mosses of North America. Chas. R. Barnes. (Trans. Wisc. Acad. Sci. Arts and Letters, viii. 12-81, reprinted. Price 50 cents, 12 for \$5.00).

The price of this well printed, serviceable little pamphlet, should place it in the hands of all students of American mosses, and we hope the excellent advice given in the preface will be